

Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for permanently obturating holes extending through a metal sheet or a plastic part of an automobile body, by

fixing an at least partly single-sidedly self-adhesively treated diecut having a backing, wherein the diecut has a first adhesively treated side and a second side located opposite to the first adhesively treated side of the diecut, wherein the diecut has an ~~whose~~ area is greater than the area of the hole to be obturated and which is provided on the first adhesively treated side with a non-foamingly unexpanded foam body, wherein the non-foamingly unexpanded foam body only extends outward from the first adhesively treated side of the diecut, said fixing being carried out on the hole in such a way that the hole is completely covered by the diecut and the unexpanded foam body is located within the hole,

subsequently heating the unexpanded foam body in such a way that the foam body foamingly expands, wherein the supply of heat is continued until the foamingly expanded foam body completely fills and/or covers the hole, and

cooling and hardening the foamingly expanded foam body.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the diecut is provided with adhesive over its full area beneath the foam body.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the unfoamed foam body is composed of polyurethane or, EVA foam and/or has a thickness of 1.5 to 4 mm.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the diecut has an adhesive coating of natural rubber and/or a PVC coating or acrylic coating on the side opposite from the adhesive.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein backing material used for the diecut comprises woven cotton fabric having a weft count of 70 to 80 and/or a warp count of 70 to 80.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the foaming expansion of the diecut by supply of heat takes place during a drying of a body shell after coating or after cathodic electrodeposition.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the backing is an aluminum foil, a textile backing or a polymeric film.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-foamingly unexpanded foam body is centrally located on the adhesively treated side of the diecut.
9. (Currently Amended) A method for permanently obturating holes extending through a metal sheet or a plastic part of automobile body, the method comprising:

fixing an at least partly single-sidedly self-adhesively treated diecut having a backing, wherein the diecut has a first adhesively treated side and a second side located opposite to the first adhesively treated side of the diecut, wherein the first adhesively treated side and the second side of the diecut define a plane of the diecut, wherein the diecut has an ~~whose-area is~~ greater than the area of the hole to be obturated and ~~which is~~ provided on the first adhesively treated side with a non-foamingly unexpanded foam body, wherein the non-foaminly unexpanded foam body is located completely outside of the plane of the diecut, said fixing being carried out on the hole in such a way that the hole is completely covered by the diecut and

the unexpanded foam body is located within the hole, wherein the foam body is composed of EVA foam, and

heating the unexpanded foam body in such a way that the foam body foamingly expands, wherein the supply of heat being continued until the foamingly expanded foam body completely fills and/or covers the hole.

10. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the adhesive comprises at least one elastomer selected from a styrene-isoprene-styrene elastomer and a styrene-butadiene-styrene elastomer.

11. (New) A method for permanently obturating holes extending through a metal sheet or a plastic part of an automobile body, by

fixing an at least partly single-sidedly self-adhesively treated diecut having a backing, whose area is greater than the area of the hole to be obturated and which is provided on the adhesively treated side with a non-foamingly unexpanded foam body, said fixing being carried out on the hole in such a way that the hole is completely covered by the diecut and the unexpanded foam body is only located within the hole, and

subsequently heating the unexpanded foam body in such a way that the foam body foamingly expands, wherein the supply of heat is continued until the foamingly expanded foam body completely fills and/or covers the hole.